
LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

Adopted February 3, 1995

1. The Commission supports legislation that proposes to maintain or establish high standards for the preparation of public school teachers and other educators in California and opposes legislation that would lower standards for teachers and other educators.
2. The Commission supports legislation that proposes to maintain or establish high standards of fitness and conduct for public school educators in California and opposes legislation that would lower standards of fitness or conduct for public school educators.
3. The Commission supports legislation that reaffirms that teachers and other educators have appropriate qualifications and experience for their positions, as evidenced by holding appropriate credentials, and opposes legislation that would allow unprepared persons to serve in the public schools.
4. The Commission supports the maintenance of a thoughtful, cohesive approach to the preparation of credential candidates and opposes legislation that would tend to fragment or undermine the cohesiveness of the preparation of credential candidates.
5. The Commission supports legislation that strengthens or reaffirms initiatives and reforms that it previously has adopted and opposes legislation that would undermine initiatives or reforms that it previously has adopted.
6. The Commission supports alternatives to existing credential requirements that maintain high standards for the preparation of educators and opposes alternatives that do not provide sufficient assurances of quality.
7. The Commission opposes legislation that would give it significant additional duties and responsibilities if the legislation does not include an appropriate source of funding to support those additional duties and responsibilities.

8. The Commission supports legislation that affirms its role as an autonomous teacher standards board and opposes legislation that would erode the independence or authority of the Commission.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

ASSEMBLY BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

Bill Number – Author – Version Summary	Previous and Current Commission Position Version (Date Adopted)	Status
AB 54 – Oropeza – Amended 9/2/03 Would require the Commission to study cultural competency training and submit the report to the Legislature by May 1, 2005.	Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (December 2002) Approve – Amended version – (August 2003)	Chapter 817, Statutes of 2003.
AB 242 – Liu – Amended 6/9/04 Would enact educator preparation recommendations of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education.	Watch – Introduced version – (March 2003)	Vetoed
AB 422 – Chan – Amended 3/25/03 Would require the Commission to prepare a report on accrediting preparation programs and licensing of children’s center instructors and supervisors. Adopt regulations based on recommendations in the report.	Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (February 2003)	Died.
AB 608 – Daucher – Amended 7/15/03 Would require the CHP to immediately notify the Commission and school officials when a teacher is arrested for the specified controlled substance or sex offenses.	Approve – Amended version (June 2003)	Chapter 536, Statutes of 2003.

AB 642 – Mullin – Amended 7/9/03 Would require the SBE beginning in 2010, to periodically review statewide academic content standards.	Approve-if-Amended – Amended version – (June 2003) Watch – Amended version – (August 2003)	Vetoed.
AB 791 – Pavley – Introduced 2/20/03 LAO would study if the Commission should be merged with the SDE.	Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (May 2003)	Died.
AB 907 – Pavley – Amended 4/21/03 Would require SBE and SPI to incorporate environmental education content in academic content standards for history/social science and science.	Seek Amendments – Amended version – (June 2003) Watch – Amended version (August 2003)	Died.
AB 1010 – Yee – Amended 8/25/04 Would establish a loan forgiveness program for teachers of blind and visually impaired pupils to be administered by the CSU. The CSU must collaborate with the Commission to monitor the candidates through their teaching obligation and the Commission must certify if the teacher is meeting their service obligation.	Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (February 2003)	Contents changed. No longer effects the Commission.
AB 1650 – Simitian – Amended 8/9/04 Would consolidate funding for specified teacher development programs into a block grant. CDE would also evaluate teacher quality and pupil improvement as a result of the block grant.	Seek Amendments – Amended version (May 2003)	Vetoed
AB 1914 Montanez – Amended 7/19/04 Among other provisions would require the Commission to participate in the development and ongoing implementation of teacher training in "correctional education."	Watch – Amended version (June 2004)	Vetoed
AB 2171 – Benoit – Amended 5/19/04 Would add PPS "school social work" to the current "school counseling" CBEST exemption for prelingually deaf credential candidates.	Approve – Introduced version (March 2004)	Chapter 106, Statutes of 2004.

AB 2909 – Salinas – Amended 8/9/04. Would require the State Department of Education to conduct a study of the current methods of providing special instruction and other services to infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing.	Approve – Amended version (June 2004)	Chapter 456, Statutes of 2004.
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SENATE BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

Bill Number – Author – Version Summary	Previous and Current Commission Position Version (Date Adopted)	Status
SB 5 – (Karnette) – Amended 9/2/03 Would require the SBE to adopt content standards for teaching foreign languages in K-12 pursuant to recommendations developed by the SPI.	Approve-if-Amended – Amended version – (June 2003) Watch – Amended version – (August 2003)	Chapter 826, Statutes of 2003.
SB 81 – Alpert – Amended 9/3/03 On integrated programs – specifies units and more transferability between CSU and community colleges.	Watch – Introduced version (January 2003)	Chapter 896, Statutes of 2003.
SB 187 – Karnette – Amended 9/5/03 LA’s district intern bill. (No longer an Urgency Bill)	Seek Amendments – Introduced version (May 2003) Approve – Amended version (June 2003)	Chapter 461, Statutes of 2003.
SB 510 – Figueroa – Introduced 2/20/03 Legislative intent to establish a teacher exchange pilot program with El Salvador.	Watch – Introduced version (May 2003)	Died.
SB 1536 – McPherson – Amended 8/19/04 Clarifies and expands authorization for school counselors.	Watch – Amended version (May 2004)	Died.
SB 1621 – Machado – Amended 4/28/04 Would expand district intern Special Ed programs from the limit of Mild/Moderate.	Approve – Introduced version (March 2004)	Chapter 287, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1658 – Karnette – Amended 3/31/04 Would allow CTC to issue emergency permits for less-than-one-year periods.	Support – Amended version (Commission direction December 2003) (Commission update March 2004)	Chapter 55, Statutes of 2004.
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